

Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC

CHAPTER IV

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

SECTION 3

Measures to be applied in protection zones

Article 25

Derogations for the direct transport of ready to lay poultry

By way of derogation from Article 22, the competent authority may authorise the direct transport of ready-to-lay poultry to a holding or shed of that holding preferably within the protection or the surveillance zone in which there is no other poultry, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) a clinical examination of the poultry and other captive birds in the holding of origin and in particular of those to be moved is carried out by the official veterinarian;
- (b) where appropriate, laboratory tests have been carried out on poultry in the holding of origin in accordance with the diagnostic manual with favourable results;
- (c) the ready-to-lay poultry is transported in vehicles sealed by the competent authority or under its supervision;
- (d) the holding or shed of destination is placed under official surveillance following the arrival of the ready-to-lay poultry;
- (e) if moved outside the protection or surveillance zone, the poultry shall remain on the holding of destination for at least 21 days.